

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We are so glad that you are here!

Please take a minute to fill out the friendship pad in your pew and pass it along to others.

Our desire is to serve you and your family as you seek to grow in your faith.

Please speak to the pastor if you would like to become a member of this community of faith.

WORSHIP TODAY

Palms today are given to the glory of God and presented by the Worship Committee.

Flowers....If you would like to donate flowers for the Sunday Worship Services, please sign your name on the flower chart calendar that is located by the bulletin boards in the hall. **It is very important that you complete the flower card** (which is located on the bulletin board next to the chart) **with details of what occasion** (in memory, honor, special occasions, etc.) the flowers are for. Please return the flower card to the church office with your payment of **\$50.00**. You may also turn in the flower card in the offering plate. Thanks for being part of this important ministry.

The Barnabas Cards are also located in the pews. They are used like thinking-of-you cards. Fill out the person's name on the front and place it in the offering plate. A volunteer will address it and mail it for you.

Remember in your thoughts and prayers:

Health concerns: Norma Shepherd; Jackie Sydnor; Brenda McCaleb; Deanna Herreth; Sue Miller; Jim Tinney; Dr. Jack Walker; Sally Carr; Pat Clark; Doris Reed; Nancy Heeth; Rachel Herreth; Virgil Cammack; Olga Pate; Carolyn Oliver; Patsy Dunbar; Michael Lopez; George Druck; JoAnne Reed; Deborah Arambula; Gayle Warzon; Nathan Neal; Rheta Bravo; June Howard; James Lang; Kimberly Mejia; Sid: and Mel Hutchinson.

WORSHIP HELPS

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me..." At First Presbyterian Church, we believe that children enrich worship within the full faith community. In them, Christ is present for us. We also believe that children learn best to worship by worshipping! Therefore, all adults and youth are encouraged to help our young children experience the rhythms and rituals of worship: finding and standing for hymns, being still when we pray, and learning responses. Following "Chancel Time with Children", children are invited to take a Children's Bulletin from Pastor Jim and a worship bag or notebook to draw them further into the remainder of worship. Younger children (under 5) may go to the nursery in Room 1, if desired.

Bibles and hearing enhancement devices are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Coffee is available before and after worship in the fellowship hall.

Worship Attendance: 3/13/16 107

FPC Event Calendar

*****Sanctuary Prayer Stations are open daily from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm.**

Holy Saturday hours are 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Today	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	YGAC til 2 pm/Confirmation Class til 3:00 pm	12:00 - 3:00 pm
		Handbells	12:15 pm
		Celebration Service	6:00 pm
Monday, March 21		Session Mtg.	7:00 pm
Tuesday, March 22		Bend & Be Fit	11:30 am
		Prayer Shawl	2:00 pm
Wednesday, March 23		Baywood Crossing	10:00 am
		Intercessory Prayer Group	11:00 am
		Brown Bag Bible Study	12:00 pm
		Choir Practice	7:00 pm
Thursday, March 24	<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	Men's Breakfast at Frank's	7:00 am
		Gathering Place	10:00 am
		Bend & Be Fit	11:30 am
		Maundy Thursday Meal & Communion Worship	6:30 pm
		Confirmation Class Review following Maundy Thursday Service	
		Men's Bible Study	7:00 pm
		Spanish Bible Study (BR)	7:00 pm
Friday, March 25		Good Friday Contemplative Service	7:00 pm
Saturday, March 26		Habitat for Humanity Pancake Breakfast	8:00 am
		Confirmation/Session Examination	10:00 am
Sunday, March 27	<i>Easter Sunday</i>	Sunrise Service at Crenshaw Pavilion	7:00 am
		Easter Breakfast	8:00 am
		Sunday School	9:00 am
		Worship	10:30 am
		Easter Egg Hunt	12:00 pm

FRIDGE NOTES 3-20-16 Palm Sunday

*Welcome to First Presbyterian Church.
We pray that the words, music, and silence we experience this morning
will strengthen our relationship with God
as we journey to Jerusalem this Lenten season.*

Today, Palm Sunday, marks the beginning of Holy Week, a time when we observe the last week of Jesus' earthly life. We begin the week with shouts of "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" and quickly change to a more somber tone as we walk with Christ during his final days. To make next Sunday's Easter "Hallelujahs!" more meaningful, all are encouraged to participate in the opportunities for prayer, reflection and worship during the coming week.

Youth Group After Church (YGAC) & Confirmation Class (CC) meet today following worship. All 6th-12th grade youth are invited to gather in The Oasis following worship for lunch, preparing for next week's annual Easter Egg Hunt, and a time of recreation until 2 p.m.. The Confirmation Class will continue until 3 p.m.

Celebration Service Tonight at 6:00 pm led by the FPC band. Mark Corder will be presenting an inspiring talk.

Holy Week Lenten Prayer Stations/Spirituality Center During this final week of Lent, come deepen your relationship with God by prayerfully walking through our 16 self-guided prayer stations. The sanctuary will be open daily from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. and from noon to 6 p.m. on Holy Saturday for a time of silence and prayerful reflection as we journey toward Easter.

TODAY is the last day to order Easter lilies....It's time to order Easter lilies in memory or honor of a loved one for Easter Sunday. (The sanctuary is absolutely beautiful with all the lilies on Easter morning.) Envelopes for ordering are located on the pews, and on the visitor's table in the narthex or you may call the church.. Lilies are \$10.00 each. You may take your lilies home after the Easter service. (If you plant them, they will come back every year! And you don't have to have a green thumb!) *The extra money that is from the sale of the lilies goes toward purchasing the flowers in the sanctuary (special occasions, etc.)*

Attention Volunteers - The Gathering Place will meet on Thursday, March 24th at 10:00 am. This month's theme is "Sound of Music". Volunteers please be at the church no later than 9:30 am on that morning.

Maundy Thursday Communion Service & Simple Meal at 6:30 Come to the fellowship hall for a time of worship as we gather at tables for a simple meal and communion, remembering Jesus' last supper with his disciples just before his arrest. "Maundy" means "commandment", and at this meal, Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another."

The Confirmation Final Review Our confirmands will have a final review following the Maundy Thursday service this week. The Curries will drive you home after our time together.

Good Friday Worship at 7:00 p.m....a quiet, contemplative service in the sanctuary.

Confirmation Examination with the Session Next Saturday, the session will meet with the 2016 confirmands (Trey Cooper, Darcy McPhail and Cole Reed) at 10 a.m. in The Oasis for a time of faith sharing. On Easter Sunday, the young people will be presented to the congregation as the newest confirmed members of the church. Please pray for these three young people (and their parents and grandparents) as they prepare for this important step on their journey of faith.

Men of the Church...Mark your calendars for March 26, we will host the Habitat for Humanity breakfast at 8 AM in our Fellowship Hall. All the money raised for the breakfast will be given to Habitat. There will be a speaker from Kairos Prison Ministry, Steve Keyser. Steve was released from Carol Vance in 2013 and will share his witness, his story and how Kairos did, or not, assist in recovery and recovering. Please bring a friend, the younger the better, as there are lessons to be learned, for us all. **Yes, ladies are invited for this fund raiser for Habitat.Please come!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Next Week is Easter Sunday Begin the day with a community sunrise service at Crenshaw Park at 7:00 a.m. and continue with our annual Easter breakfast in the fellowship hall and the intergenerational transformation of the sanctuary into white at 8 a.m., Sunday School at 9 and worship at 10:30. Following worship, all children are invited to participate in our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Decorated bags will be provided.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Since 1949, Presbyterians have been part of this annual offering to share God's love in our community and around the world by providing food and fresh water, rebuilding after a crisis, and resourcing people who are working to overcome oppression. At FPC, the offering will be taken next week, Easter Sunday. Thank you in advance for prayerfully joining in this mission. *"Serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." 1 Peter 4:10.*

Crosses on the Corner...Celebrating the Risen Lord! At the close of worship on Sunday, April 3, we will bless, process and post our crosses in our front yard. The crosses will remain through Pentecost Sunday, May 15. Please bring your cross to the Cut Ups space (Room 9) before Easter Sunday so Sue and Marvin Clark will know how many yard stakes to "plant." Each cross represents a ministry, person or family here at FPC. If you would like to make a cross, talk to Sue Clark for details and see the first bulletin board in the narthex for a picture from past years.

Spring Fling Talent Show & Dessert Night, Saturday, April 9 from 7-9 p.m. This year, we will begin our annual all-church evening of entertainment in the sanctuary, followed by a dessert celebration in the fellowship hall. See the display in the narthex to sign up today for your talent (singing, dancing, juggling, joke-telling, whatever) and/or to bring a dessert. The event is FREE and open to all. Bring a neighbor and enjoy this lively tradition.

Flower Ministry News...Beginning in March, the cost of the flowers in worship will increase from \$40 to \$50. This change comes from our faithful local florist who works hard to keep our costs down. If you have signed up already on the 2016 chart near the bulletin boards, the old price will be honored by the florist. If you sign up today or after, the new cost will be in effect. Details are in the March newsletter. Thanks for understanding.